India, the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the former, on joint Coastal patrolling in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the Coastal Surveillance Scheme, amounting to Rs. 6,19,11,000/-.

After processing the claims, Government sanction for Rs. 474.14 lakhs on special financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra, for financing the Coastal Surveillance Scheme in 1993-94 and 1994-95, was issued in March, 1995.

Safety Against Fire of Super Bazar

2226. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of Delhi Fire Service has declared some multy-storied buildings of the capital as unsafe in view of the fire in multy-storied buildings in Connaught Place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Super Bazar Bhavan, Connaught Place has also been declared unsafe;

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether Super Bazar Bhavan has failed to comply with the norms laid down; and

(f) whether Government propose to take any punitive action against the Super Bazar or to close it down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kailash and Ashoka Estate Buildings were sealed by the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Service following incidents of fire in these buildings on 12.6.1995 and 27.6.1995, respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The Chief Fire Officer of Delhi Fire Service had issued several notices to the Managing Committee of Super Bazar under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986. The Delhi Fire Service conducted a survey on 26.7.1993 according to which 4 bare minimum fire safety norms out of 12 were yet to be provided in this building.

बम्बई हाई में निजी क्षेत्र की कम्पनियों द्वारा तेल उत्पादन

2227. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या पेट्रलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने विगत के वर्षों के दौरान बम्बई हाई के क्षेत्र में तेल उत्पादन के लिए निजी क्षेत्र के कुछ संस्थानों को अपनी-अपनी निविदायें भेजने को कहा था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये निविदायें कब आमंत्रित की गई थी और किन-किन संस्थानों से निविदायें मेजी थीं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन निविदाओं का आकलन करने हेतु डा० ए० के० दास के नेतृत्व में एक समिति गठित की थी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या वर्तमान में बम्बई क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र के संस्थानों को तेल उत्पादन के कार्यों में लगाया गया है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो किन-किन संस्थानों को तेल उत्पादन के कार्य में सक्रिय बने रहने हेतु स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है; और

(च) यदि अभी तक स्वीकृति प्रदान नहीं की गई है तो इसके क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) ओ एन जी सी ने बम्बई हाई के अतिरिक्त विकास के लिए पर्याप्त प्रौद्योगिकी तथा वित्तीय क्षमता सहित रूचि रखने वाले कंपनियों को संपुष्ट किया था।

(ख) ओ एन जी सी ने 10.12.93 को निविदाएं आमंत्रित की थी। जिन पांच विदेशी कंपनियों ने बोलियां प्रस्तुत की थी वे निम्नानुसार है:

(1) मैसर्स अमोको इंडिया पेट्रोलियम कंपनी, अमेरिका

(2) मैसर्स आर्को इंटरनेशनल आयल एंड गैस कंपनी, अमेरिका

(3) मैसर्स शेवरन ओवरसीज पेट्रोलियम इंक लिमिटेड, अमेरिका

(4) मैसर्स आक्सीडेंटल इंजीनियरिंग सर्विसेज कंपनी, अमेरिका

(5) मैसर्स टोटल एक्सप्लोरेशन एंड प्रोडक्सन कंपनी, फ्रांस

(ग) इन बोलियों का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए श्री ए०बी० दास गुप्ता की अध्यक्षता में एक सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया गया था।

(घ) जी, नहीं

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(च) अब तक, इस मामले में कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Bidding by Public Sector Units in Basic Telephone Services

2228. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had very categorically rejected any role for public sector units in the bidding process for basic telecom services even on the floor of the Parliament;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the DOT on 27th May, 1995 in course of providing clarification admitted the possibility of PSUs being one of the partners in the bidder companies;

(c) if so, whether it amounts to misleading the Parliament on the one hand and the PSUs on the other to edge them out of the competition; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A Government Company has not been allowed to bid in the tender for basic services. DOT is already providing basic services. It is proposed to bring about competition between the Government operator (DOT) & the private operators.

(b) Yes, Sir. A PSU can be part of a bidder company. The requirement is that majority of equity of a bidder company should not be held by the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Developing Fighter Aircrafts by Pakistan with the help of China

2229. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Tribune of 20th June, 1995, to the effect that Pakistan is developing fighter aircraft equivalent to US F-16s with the help of China in the context of US refusal to supply the balance of F-16s; and

(b) if so, what is Govenrment's reaction thereto; by way of developing matching technology and strengthening India's Airforce, especially in the background of Pakistan's Nuclear Weapon programme and its militancy against India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:) (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the report of the joint efforts by Pakistan and China to develop the Super-7 aircraft;

(b) The security situation of India is constantly under review particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood Government will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Benefits to Land Oustees

2230. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: